



SAN BENITO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Don Kelley Chair District 1	Jim West District 2	Daniel Dungy District 3	Ray Pierce Vice-Chair District 4	Estevan Guzman District 5	Janie Lausten Historical Society	Rich Wagoner Vet's Park	Talia Gonzalez Youth Rep. San Benito H S	Kyle Vallejo Youth Rep San Benito HS
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San Benito County Board Chamber – 481 4th Street, Hollister, CA 95023

REGULAR MEETING ACTION MINUTES APRIL 21, 2009

1. Call To Order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Don Kelley.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Kelley.

1.2 Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Don Kelley, Ray Pierce, Jim West, Daniel Dungy, Richard Wagoner, Janie Lausten, and Talia Gonzalez (arrived at 5:40 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Estevan Guzman and Kyle Vallejo

Staff Present: Janelle Cox, Acting Public Works Administrator, and Kathy McShane, Secretary I.

1.3 Acknowledge Certificate of Posting

The agenda was posted on April 17, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Free Library, San Benito County Courthouse, and San Benito County Administration Building.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Staff Announcements

Janelle Cox announced that Loretta Smith, Staff Analyst, has turned in her resignation, effective March 24, due to personal reasons. Her position will be advertised until May 4. Janelle said the position of Administrative Services Manager has been filled by Linda McElroy from Mammoth Lakes, CA. She will start work for the County on Monday, May 4.

4. Commission Announcements, Introductions, and Presentations – Information Only

Chairman Kelley stated that the people of San Benito County had lost a great friend and asset to the community, Matt Plesek, who was killed last week in an auto accident. He was a good friend, coach, husband and father, and will be greatly missed. Chairman Kelley extended thanks to those who have supported Matt's wife and family through this tragic period.

5. Consent Items

5.1 Approval of minutes of the Special Meeting on April 8, 2009.

Janie Lausten stated she had attended this meeting, but she was shown as absent. Commissioner Dungy also wanted the minutes to state that he did not want the Commission to decide on the number of acres for parkland per thousand residents until they got direction from County Counsel. Commissioner Pierce asked that the comments made by Tim Foley, of the YMCA, be included in the minutes.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Lausten and seconded by Commissioner West, the minutes of April 8, 2009 were approved with the corrections noted above. Chairman Kelley abstained since he had not attended the meeting.

5.2 Approval of minutes of March 17, 2009.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Dungy and seconded by Commissioner West, the minutes of March 17, 2009 were approved. Commissioner Lausten abstained since she had not attended the meeting.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Janelle stated the draft of the Master Plan was being professionally bound and copied now in preparation for the Board of Supervisor's meeting on April 28. The Board meeting starts at 9:00 a.m., and Janelle encouraged all Commissioners to attend and speak in support of the Master Plan if they wished to do so. She will try to get this item first on the regular agenda at a time certain.

Janelle distributed a summary of the changes to the Master Plan (Attachment 1) that were made at the Special Meeting on April 8, and by the Veterans Park sub-committee members on April 13. She reviewed each change and asked the Commissioners for comments or questions. On page one of the Executive Summary under Item No. 2, Commissioner Pierce asked that the word "agencies" be changed to "stakeholders". Janelle suggested keeping "agencies" but adding the word "stakeholders." Commissioner Pierce agreed.

Janelle stated this Plan represented months of work and she thought it was a true representative of the community needs and stakeholder input. Commissioner West agreed it was very well done. Chairman Kelley and Commissioner Pierce said they liked the idea of having an annual review of the Plan, because it is a living document. Commissioner Dungy asked if it were reviewed and changes were made, would the Plan have to go before the Board of Supervisors and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Janelle will take this concern to County Counsel and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to approve the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan and forward it to the Board of Supervisors for their review and approval; the motion was seconded by Commissioner West, and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pierce said he would like to see a wall or walkway dedicated to those individuals, like Matt Plesek, who have given so much to the parks and the community. Commissioner Lausten added

that she would also like to see the names of people who donated land to the parks to be remembered. Janelle suggested putting this item on the May agenda so that a motion can be made to develop a policy and guidelines on how to memorialize people in this way. The Commissioners agreed.

8. Adjournment:

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner West, seconded by Commissioner Pierce and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 19, 2009.